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Wage Rates under MGNREGS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the wages under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) have been increased w.e.f. April 1st, 2016;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State/UTwise;

(c) whether it is a fact that wages to the extent of Rs. 6000 crores are in arrears due to the delay in releasing the funds by the centre;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of measures which are being taken to release the funds to clear the arrears?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)

(a)&(b): Yes, Madam. the wage rates under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) are indexed with the Consumer Price Index for Agricultural Labour (CPI-AL) and are revised every year with effect from 1st April. Wage rates to be effective from 1st April, 2016 have been revised vide Ministry's Notification dated 23/03/2016. State/UT- wise revised MGNREGA wage rates are given in the Annexure-I.

(c)to(e): Yes, Madam. The wage arrears to the extent of Rs.478192.06 lakhs is pending as on 25.4.2016. The details of wage arrears is at Annexure-II. During the current financial year 2016-17, Ministry has released Rs.15984.09 crore to States/UTs for liquidating the pending liability of wage component of FY 2015-16 and for running the programme during FY 2016-17. State/UT wise release position is attached at Annexure-III.

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